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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 18
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Sarcoidosis Research Institute for exemplary service to the people of Tennessee in seeking ways to treat and cure sarcoidosis.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those organizations that through their extraordinary efforts have improved the quality of life for the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, the Sarcoidosis Research Institute is one such organization that is serving our state through its research into the causation and prevention of sarcoidosis; the Institute is committed to this worthy research for the purposes of expanding the knowledge of the scientific community about sarcoidosis and identifying the cause of, and ultimately a cure to, this debilitating disease; and

WHEREAS, a disease for which no cause or cure is known, sarcoidosis can permanently damage any organ or system in the body, causes emotional trauma, and forces major changes in lifestyle for its many victims; the disease's many deleterious effects are being aggressively combated by the Sarcoidosis Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its extensive research, the Institute aids in the fight against sarcoidosis by sharing its knowledge and findings with the medical community; a symposium for physicians will be held in March 2001 at the University of Tennessee - Memphis for the purpose of informing physicians about innovative treatments for, and new findings concerning, the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Institute's commitment to education extends beyond the medical community to the disease's victims, who are the people most affected by sarcoidosis; the members of the Institute and several prestigious guest speakers will provide information, advice, and support for sarcoidosis patients and their families and medical professionals at the aptly named, *The Sarcoidosis Conference 2001: Hope for the Future*; and

WHEREAS, the Sarcoidosis Research Institute has assembled many of the great minds in sarcoidosis research for these conferences; the people of Tennessee will have the rare and most beneficial opportunity to learn from leading world authorities about this terrible disease; and

WHEREAS, composed of extremely giving persons who are reaching out with compassion to people suffering from a complex, debilitating disease, the Sarcoidosis Research Institute epitomizes the ideals of the determination, consummate professionalism, and dedication to the greater public good; and

WHEREAS, the administration and professional staff of the Sarcoidosis Research Institute are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend the good people who comprise the Sarcoidosis Research Institute for their honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee by

means of their research into the cause of and cure for sarcoidosis and their efforts to educate physicians and lay people alike about this debilitating disease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.